

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 30A, Section 20, notice is hereby given for the following meeting of the:

***Arlington School Committee
School Committee Meeting
Monday, December 7, 2015
8:00 AM***

Policies and Procedures Subcommittee

*Arlington High School
Guidance Conference Room
869 Mass Avenue
Arlington, MA*

Open Meeting

Public Participation

Approval of draft minutes: November 16, 2015

Discuss Kindergarten/First Grade Age Admission Policy

Discuss BEDB Agenda Format Preparation and Dissemination Policy

Adjournment

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair; which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Stated times and time amounts, listed in parenthesis, are the estimated amount of time for that particular agenda item. Actual times may be shorter or longer depending on the time needed to fully explore the topic.

Submitted by Judson Pierce, Chair

ENTRANCE AGE

The School Committee has the authority, within the limits of the law and State Board of Education regulation, to set the entrance ages for children admitted to kindergarten and grade one. In order to be admitted to kindergarten in the public schools, a child must attain the age of five by August 31 of the year in which he/she will enter. To enter grade one, a child must be six years old by August 31.

CROSS REFS: JEA, Compulsory Attendance Dates
 JF, School Admissions

Revised: **September 27, 2005**



Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

Discuss BEDB Agenda Format Preparation and Dissemination Policy

ATTACHMENTS:

| Type | File Name | Description |
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| ▢ Policy | BEDB_Agenda_Format_Preparation_and_Dissemination_11-16-15_with_JLP_revisions.docx | BEDB Agenda Format Prep and Dissemination |

AGENDA FORMAT/PREPARATION AND DISSEMINATION

An agenda shall be provided for all regular, special, adjourned and planning meetings.

A tentative agenda for each regular meeting shall be determined by the chairperson in collaboration with the Superintendent. It shall be submitted to the administrative secretary of the Committee for preparation and delivery to the members, notice to the press, and posting on bulletin boards of all schools. The agenda and supporting materials, as gathered by the Superintendent, shall be sent to Committee members by the Friday preceding the School Committee meeting no later than 4:00 p.m., except for emergencies. Any items received by the administrative secretary later than 4:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the School Committee meeting shall be held and heard the following meeting, except for emergencies and unless the Chair so declares.

In addition, the administrative secretary shall provide the following to the Arlington Public Schools Director of Technology to be posted on the website and notification of the posting to be distributed through parent lists:

- School Committee agendas, posted with a disclaimer that the agenda is tentative and may be subject to change up until the time of the meeting
- School Committee minutes, motions and appropriate back up material
 - Subcommittee agendas, posted with a disclaimer that the agenda is tentative and may be subject to change up until the time of the meeting
- Subcommittee minutes, motion and appropriate back up material

The following shall be included but not limited to items of business to be considered at each regular meeting:

- Public participation
- Consent Agenda
- Superintendent's report
- Report of subcommittees and announcements

The committee will follow the order of business established by the agenda except as it votes to rearrange the order for the convenience of visitors, individuals appearing before the committee, or to expedite committee business.

Items of business may be suggested by any School Committee member, staff member, or citizen. The inclusion of such items, however, will be at the discretion of the chairperson of the committee. A staff member who wishes to have a topic scheduled on the agenda should submit the request through the Superintendent. Citizens may submit such requests to the school committee chair through the committee's administrative secretary.

Copies of the final agenda shall be available to spectators at all open session meetings for which an agenda is required.

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Whenever possible the materials for the meeting will be made available online to the public at the start of the meeting

Consent Agenda

Items that are considered to be routine shall be placed on the Consent Agenda and shall be enacted by one motion. The Agenda shall have an asterisk (*) next to each item placed on the Consent Agenda. There shall be no separate discussion of items placed on the Consent Agenda unless a member of the School Committee so requests, in which event the item shall be considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. Any one member of the committee may remove an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Items that may be placed on the consent Agenda may include but are not limited to the following: a) minutes of previous meetings, b) changes to the policy manual (second reading), c) field trips, d) warrant approvals, and e) other items that deemed to be routine by the Chair.

For the benefit of the public, the chair will read the following paragraph and the list of items included in the Consent Agenda:

"All items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Committee so requests, in which event the item will be considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. "

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| CONTRACT REFERENCE: | AEA (Unit A & B) |
| CROSS REF: | BDDH, Public Participation at School Committee Meetings |
| Last Revised and approved: | November 20, 2014 |
| Newly Revised and approved: | December 10, 2015 |